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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METH, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Jonathan P. Henik, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to eight years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 9, 2004, **Henik** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a June 1, 2004, indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Henik** admitted that he conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on March 16, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo.

Henik also pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm. **Henik** admitted that he was in possession of a Lorcin .380-caliber handgun with five rounds of ammunition on March 16, 2004, at the same time he was in possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person to be in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Metro Meth Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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